KAKAO 79

Chapter 32: Reunion (2)

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DUNE (PR, CL)

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

TSUBASA

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

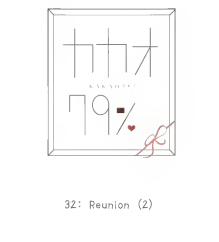
I'M JUN...

TACHIBANA JUN!

TSUBA...

AYANO-SAN...!

LONG TIME NO SEE!



HEY!

I SAID WAIT!
EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO ME...

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HEY, TENDOU
THAT'S
THE OTHER WAY.

HURRY AND LEAD THE WAY.
I NOW KNOW YOU'RE A FAIRLY IRRITATING CHARACTER.

...

HEY, HOW IS THAT TACHIBANA RELATED TO TSUBASA?
I SHOULD KNOW HIM AS WELL IF TSUBASA KNOWS HIM. BUT IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HEARD HIS NAME.
...YOU SAID HE'S FROM THE TENNIS CLUB.

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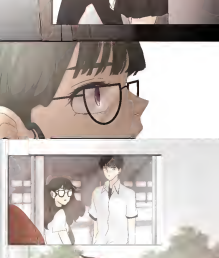
HE OFTEN TALKED ABOUT AYANO-SAN.
HE SAID HE PROBABLY WON'T SEE HER AGAIN
BUT IF HE DOES... HE WOULD LIKE TO BE FRIENDS WITH HER AGAIN.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SHE'S ONLY SAYING WHAT SHE WANTS TO SAY AGAIN.

...WELL, I NOW KNOW
HE HAS DARK BROWN HAIR, IS TANNED AND PRETTY TALL.

AYANO-SAN... WHY IS SHE HERE...?
WAT

YOU ASS, DIDN'T YOU SAY IT'S THE OTHER WAY?!
THAT'S WHAT WAS

...

PSYCH! ☆
Yeah, sure. What gives, huh? Don't you even know?

BE QUIET. SUDDENLY, HOW DO I INTRODUCE MYSELF TO EACH OTHER.

Here, have some.

O-oh, thanks!

I ended up following him...

But who is this guy seriously?

I'll pay for mine.

It's fine, it's fine.

No, I can't have a stranger treat me.

Ahaha all the more reason to let me treat you.

We were friends after all.

Uh... sorry, I really can't remember you...

Then let me introduce myself at least.

I'm Tachibana Jun from class H.

It's no wonder you don't remember last time.

Cause you were unconscious

Unconscious...?

Oh, by the way, be sure to thank the tanned young man who brought you two here.

Tanned →

Ah! You were the guy who brought us to the infirmary ...!!

Yeah! I didn't see that one coming.

I never thought I'd see the person I've always wanted to meet lying on the school yard.

Always

wanted to meet...

Eh?! Me?!

A... ha haha!? Haha haha!?

W-wan-ted to meet me?

Hahahaha! Dear me! What did I do this time?!

You didn't do anything.

W-what is it then?!

I'm so sorry!! I can't remember!!

It's okay it can't be helped if you don't remember something that happened years ago.

I-I see! Haha haha! Sorry!

So... where... have we met before ...?

Eavesdropping? You've got a nasty personality.

Same goes to you.

AS THE CLASS REP OF CLASS 4-B,

I AM ASKING AROUND FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR SUMMER BRAINCURSE OVERAGE

MY NAME IS TANAKA KAORU.

I'M LOOKING FOR ANY OTHER CLUBS WHO'D LIKE TO JOIN FORCES!

ONE FOUND SOME ROTTEN AGENT THOSE GUYS!

CHINESE-KUN

I PASS A NOTE SHOOT!

WELL, OF COURSE I'LL BE THE SCHOOL GATE.

I PLEDGED TO BE ON MY BEST BEHAVIOR FOR THE ENTIRE SUMMER!

I WAS REALLY DEPRESSED! SO I WANDERED AROUND

THEN A KID ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO BE ON HIS TENNIS RACKET GAME CLUB!

I'M LOOKED FORWARD TO EACH OTHER

WE

...

...

...

AHAHA! YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE!

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU THAT I CONTINUED PLAYING TENNIS.

I LOST... AGAIN.

MAYBE I... HAVE NO TALENT FOR TENNIS AFTER ALL.

I SHOULD JUST... QUIT...

...!

YOU'RE SO DEPRESSED OVER ONE LOSS?

Y-YOU...! YOU CAN SAY THAT ONLY BECAUSE YOU WON! HAVE YOU EVER LOST BEFORE?!

UH, YEAH. HECK, I LOSE ON A DAILY BASIS.

D-DAILY?

MY STUPID BROTHER IS STUPIDLY STRONG, AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO HOLD BACK.

I'M GONNA MAKE HIM EAT DUST ONE DAY...

HAVE YOU NEVER LOST UNTIL TODAY?

YEAH... AH, NO, I LOST FOR THE FIRST TIME THE OTHER DAY...

OH

YOU'RE WORKING REAL HARD, HUH.

ISN'T IT FRUSTRATING TO QUIT? IT'S SUCH A WASTE.

TACHIBANA WON AGAINST AN UPPER-CLASSMAN AGAIN.

GOOD FOR HIM. TALENTED PEOPLE WIN EVEN IF THEY DON'T MAKE AN EFFORT.

WE HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR YOU, TACHIBANA.

HE LOST IN THE PRELIMS.

YEAH. THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FROM RELYING ON HIS TALENT AND NOT MAKING AN EFFORT.

HOW HOPELESS ARE YOU GUYS?

H-HEY! I KNOW YOU'RE FRUSTRATED...! BUT IS THIS SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT?!

WANNA P-PLAY ONE MORE MATCH? SHALL WE...?!

Y-YOU'RE A GIRL?!

I AM. CAN'T YOU TELL?

I-I CAN'T...

AFTER THAT, I CRIED SO HARD BECAUSE I WAS SHOCKED TO KNOW YOU WERE A GIRL.

BUT I FELT BETTER AFTER.

I CAN HAPPILY CONTINUE PLAYING TENNIS EVEN NOW.

...

...I SEE.

YOU CAN CONTINUE PLAYING TENNIS EVEN NOW. THAT'S GREAT...!

WE MET A FEW MORE TIMES AFTER THAT. WE PRACTICED AND PLAYED MATCHES TOGETHER.

HERE'S A PHOTO FROM BACK THEN.

...UM... WELL... I'M REALLY SORRY... I CAN'T REMEMBER EVEN IF I TRY TO...

HECK, I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE TOLD ME, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AN AMOEBA...

AHAHA REALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.

I WAS ADAMANT ONLY ABOUT REMEMBERING THOSE DAYS.

IT'S JUST, I REGRET NOT ASKING FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR WHEN THE DAY

WE CAN'T MEET ANYMORE COMES.

ME, MOVED TO ANOTHER PLACE AFTER THE 5TH GRADE?

THAT'S WHY I WAS SO HAPPY

WHEN I SAW YOU LYING ON THE SCHOOL YARD.

WORRIED, TOO.

LOOKING BACK,

OOOH.

YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN MY FIRST LOVE.

WHAAAAT?!